# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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PROMESA Title III

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS (Jointly Administered)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

In re:

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THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO

as representative of

Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS

PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY,

Debtor.

# GOVERNMENT PARTIES' INFORMATIVE MOTION IN CONNECTION WITH LUMA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE MOTION

The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

To the Honorable United States District Court Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA"), by and through the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board"), as PREPA's sole Title III representative pursuant to section 315(b) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act ("PROMESA"), and the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority ("AAFAF") (PREPA, the Oversight Board, and AAFAF are referred to collectively as the "Government Parties"), respectfully submit this informative motion (the "Informative Motion") to apprise the Court of two recent matters in connection with the Administrative Expense Motion, as well as with UTIER and SREAEE's Objection to PREPA's Motion for Entry of an Order Allowing Administrative Expense Claim for Compensation for Front-End Transition Services Under Puerto Rico Transmission and Distribution System Operation and Maintenance Agreement with LUMA Energy at Docket No. 2053 (ECF No. 2128) (the "UTIER/SREAEE Objection"), filed by Unión de Trabajadores de la Industria Eléctrica y Riego ("UTIER") and Sistema de Retiro de los Empleados de la Autoridad de Energía Eléctrica ("SREAEE").

1. On July 7, 2020, the Government Parties filed the Administrative Expense Motion on behalf of PREPA. On August 12, 2020, UTIER and SREAEE filed the UTIER/SREAEE Objection, which opposes the Administrative Expense Motion. ECF 2128.<sup>4</sup> A hearing took place on the Administrative Expense Motion on September 16, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PROMESA is codified at 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein have the definitions set forth in *PREPA's Motion for Entry of an Order Allowing Administrative Expense Claim for Compensation for Front-End Transition Services Under Puerto Rico Transmission and Distribution System Operation and Maintenance Agreement with LUMA Energy, ECF No. 2053-1 in Case No. 17-4780 (the "Administrative Expense Motion" or "Motion"). Unless otherwise noted, docket entries refer to Case No. 17-4780.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Objections to the Administrative Expense Motion were filed by additional parties as well. *See* ECF Nos. 2132, 2133, 2134, 2138.

- In their Objection, UTIER and SREAEE argue that the Administrative Expense Motion is not ripe because an appeal of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau's order issuing the Certificate of Energy Compliance was pending before the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals. UTIER/SREAEE Objection ¶ 14. On September 28, 2020, the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal. A certified copy of the order of the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A certified translation is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 3. In addition, as the Government Parties set forth in the Administrative Expense Motion, Section 4.1(c)(ii) of the T&D Contract provides that LUMA Energy may terminate the T&D Contract upon 30 days' prior written notice if the Administrative Expense Motion is not granted within 90 days after its filing, subject to a 45-day extension exercisable by the P3 Authority, or such later date as LUMA Energy and the P3 Authority may agree. *See* Administrative Expense Motion ¶ 36. Pursuant to the T&D Contract, the initial 90-day period expired on October 5, 2020. As a result, by letter dated October 4, 2020, the P3 Authority notified LUMA Energy that it is exercising its contractual authority to extend the deadline by an additional 45 days, to November 19, 2020. A copy of the extension letter is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Government Parties disagree with that position for the reasons stated in their reply to UTIER/SREAEE's objection. *See* ECF No. 2169.

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